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Serial rapist sentenced to 75 years for 2015 assaults

Jacquese Chaney convicted at court trial of sexual assaults, robberies and arson

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced that Jacquese Chaney has been convicted and sentenced for multiple charges relating to three rapes and robberies that occurred during a seventeen-day period in November 2015. Chaney was sentenced on Thursday to serve 75 years in the Indiana Department of Correction. Chaney was found guilty of 20 counts including Rape, Attempted Rape, Robbery, Burglary and Arson at a court trial in November.

"What is effectively a life sentence is the consequence for such violent and predatory behavior in our community," Prosecutor Curry commented. "We commend the survivors who reported these crimes and cooperated in the prosecution of this defendant. Their courage to come forward in all likelihood stopped an episode of violence that would have victimized others."

In November 2015, Chaney committed three sexual assaults and robberies between the 4000 and 4400 blocks of N. High School Road. Following one incident, Chaney entered into a victim's apartment using a key taken during the assault and stole items from inside before setting fire to the apartment. On two separate occasions, Chaney was captured on surveillance footage in possession of items that were stolen during two of the assaults. An anonymous tip led to investigators identifying Chaney as the suspect.

In addition to the 75-year sentence in this case, Chaney is currently serving a six-year sentence in the Indiana Department of Correction after pleading guilty to his role in an unrelated robbery at Community North Hospital in December 2015.